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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9309]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Affidavit of Physical Presence or Residence, Parentage and Support

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

DATE(S): Submit comments directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) up to [the FR will insert date 30 days from date of publication in the *Federal Register*].

ADDRESSES

Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OIRA/OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

- *E-mail:* oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. You must include the Department of State (DS) form number, information collection title, and the OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- *Fax:* 202-395-5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Kaye Shaw, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizens Services (CA/OCS/PMO), U.S. Department of State, SA-17, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20036 or at Shawkm@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- Title of Information Collection: DS 5507, Affidavit of Physical Presence or Residence, Parentage and Support
- OMB Control Number: 1405-0187
- Type of Request: Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection
- Originating Office: Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizens Services (CA/OCS)
- Form Number: DS-5507
- Respondents: U.S. Citizens or Nationals

- Estimated Number of Respondents: 17,716
- Estimated Number of Responses: 17,716
- Average Hours Per Response: 30 minutes
- Total Estimated Burden: 8,858 hours
- Frequency: On Occasion
- Obligation to Respond: Application for Benefits. Although acquisition of U.S. citizenship at birth is not a federal “benefit,” U.S. citizen/national parent(s) will not be able to obtain a Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a U.S. Citizen or a U.S. passport for their children born abroad if they do not provide the information requested in the form and establish that all statutory requirements have been met to transmit U.S. citizenship to their children.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of proposed collection:

The purpose of the information collection is to determine whether a U.S. citizen/national parent has met the statutory physical presence or residence requirements to transmit U.S. citizenship to his or her child born abroad or in the United States for U.S. noncitizen nationality; to establish parentage of the child; and to fulfill the requirements of 8 U.S.C. 1409(a), which permits acknowledgment of paternity under oath and requires the U.S. citizen father's written agreement to provide financial support for his child born abroad out of wedlock. The affidavit may also be submitted by the U.S. citizen parent(s) to explain why a local birth certificate is unavailable and to state the facts that are relevant to the birth abroad.

Methodology:

The information is collected in person or by mail. The form may be accessed online, completed electronically, printed, and signed; or it may be downloaded, printed, and filled out manually. The Bureau of Consular Affairs is currently exploring options to make this information collection available electronically.

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